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# INCOME TAX RULING COSTS U. S. MILLIONS

## WELFARE BOARD OUTLINES ITS PROGRAM HERE

### MARCH SNOW IN NEW ORLEANS!

**NEW ORLEANS.** March 8.—Snow fell here for twenty minutes early this morning, the only time on record in New Orleans since statistics were recorded. Today's snowfall was a trace.

Sleet followed and seriously interfered with traffic. Mobile also reported a trace of snow.

## DIVIDENDS ON STOCK FREE OF 1916 TAX, RULE

Supreme Court Decision Applies to Act of 1916.

### EFFECT LIMITED--BOLEN

**WASHINGTON.** March 8.—Population statistics show that the increase in the number of incorporated towns in the country has increased, the percentage of towns with a population of 250 or less over last November, Mr. Alvin L. Johnson, director of the Bureau of the Census, said yesterday. The increase in incorporated towns in the United States, he said, was 2,000, or 2.4%, an increase of 48,000.

Big Meeting Scheduled for Tonight for Plans.

DOPE CAMPAIGN HELD TOO

Playgrounds and Extension of Scout Movement Talked

Establishing institutions to help dependent children and older persons in Oklahoma City, especially playgrounds, closing of numerous bars found to be popular, elimination of the practice of selling evil, extension of the power police, teaching in schools of citizenship and the dangers of the city and closer cooperation of the citizens and parents are some of the purposes of the city-wide drive by the welfare board against vice.

At a meeting of the welfare league in the Chamber of Commerce Monday night, reports will be made on various lines of work. D. G. Thomas, superintendent of the welfare board, said:

"Anti-Narcotics Drive.

It also was said a campaign will be waged against illegal sellers of narcotics in Oklahoma City. It has been declared by police officials the drug habit has increased by leaps and bounds during the past few months. Young girls have been found added to the habit and the plants started and suddenly dropped last fall may be very virulent.

New Sunday morning services on the proposed clean-up will be preached in every church of the city.

Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock principals of every school in the city will confer with welfare board workers in regard to the campaign.

Preventative Program.

"We have done corrective work long enough, though, of course, we shall not stop it," Thomas said. "And now we are going to work along preventive lines."

Rail Owners Meet Labor Chiefs Today

Conclusion of the hearing of the commission commissioners' complaints against alleged poor service given and improper rates charged by the Southern Bell Telephone company will be reached Monday, members of the commission said. The case has been pending since early in December, and intended to settle all grievances of users were against the telephone company. Findings of the commission will be submitted to the company and the company will not be announced for several weeks after the public hearings are closed, it is said.

Something New Now Workers Think Is Not Going to End until the people of the city have learned the whole truth about local conditions and are prepared to help the coming generation by making conditions as nearly as possible what they ought to be."

Police Rapped By Burns

Failure of the police to report violations of the venereal disease and pandering laws to the county attorney's office, was blamed for the prevalence of vice and the serious moral condition in the city, by Robert Burns, county attorney, Monday morning.

"We have laws sufficient to cover this condition which would enforce do much to eliminate this problem," Burns said. "Persons arrested by the police on charges of occupying rooms for immoral purposes are usually fined in police court, turned over to the federal clinic for examination, where, if they are found to be infected with disease, they are paroled during the treatment.

Laws Sufficient.

Burns said, "Under the general disease law passed by the 1919 session of the state legislature a felony charge can be placed against any person who exposes another to infection from any social disease. The law also provides that infected persons must report their condition to clinic or some reputable physician, who is required to report all cases to the health authorities. Persons infected can be held in jail until cured, under the authority of the health authorities. Persons infected cannot marry until pronounced cured.

"If the provisions of this act were enforced," Burns said, "felony charges would be placed against almost every person arrested on morality charges by the police. In the law, the police and county authorities are given a weapon with which they can come nearer to eliminating the common prostitute than in any other way."

County Attorney Enters.

The county attorney's office, he said, "cannot keep a man at the police station to take care of cases where state laws are violated, and it should be the duty of the police to report violations and hold suspected persons for action by the county attorney."

Burns entered the winter clean-up campaign Monday, when he assigned John F. Martin, assistant county attorney to co-operate with the welfare board and ministers of the city, in the investigation of vice conditions here. Acting upon information obtained from prisoners confined in the county jail, Martin summoned more than a dozen negro porters and a number of downtown rooming houses keepers to appear at his office for an investigation into the alleged pandering operations of negro porters and the operation of obscene houses.

BRITAIN WON'T SELL WEST INDIES TO U. S.

**LONDON.** March 8.—Premier Lloyd George, replying to questions in the House of commons today regarding the contention that the West Indies be transferred to the United States, in return for part of the British debt in that country, stated that there was not the slightest intention on the part of the British government to barter or sell part of the West Indies.

The premier declared the inhabitants of the West Indies were loyally attached to the crown and intended to remain members of the empire.

He said, "The West Indies are an important part of the empire and should be retained by the United Kingdom."

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Goodner and Eleanor Itiner Hurt,

Miss Eleanor Itiner was probably fatally injured and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Goodner received numerous painful cuts and bruises at 3:45 o'clock Sunday afternoon when a fire truck answering an alarm struck a Ford Sedan early in the 1800 block on West Sixteenth street. Goodner is one of the leading druggists of the city and owns the store at Main street and Huron avenue.

The injured persons were taken to St. Anthony's hospital, where the extent of their injuries were to be determined Monday morning by an X-ray examination.

The accident occurred when Goodner turned his automobile across the street to drive into the driveway at his home. Seeing the automobile turn to the north side of the street, the driver of the fire truck, according to Tom Myers, fire chief, thought that it was getting out of the way, and sped up in his truck. When Goodner turned directly into the path of the heavy engine, it was too late to even slow up. The sedan was virtually demolished. A twelve-year-old daughter of the Goodners was the only person in the car to escape injury.

The injuries of Mr. and Mrs. Goodner were reported not serious at the hospital. Monday morning. The condition of Miss Itiner, who was a guest at the Goodner home, was regarded as critical.

ROYAL PENINSULA—Greece has and will continue to be a good market for American goods, according to a recent statement of the American Consul in New York, taken from the *Times*.

WILLIAMS TURNS 100—About fifteen thousand dollars were raised in a benefit dinner and concert given in Williamsburg, Va., Saturday evening.

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